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6. (Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein the solids of the seeding product have the same chemical composition as the crystals produced by the mass crystallization.

REMARKS

This places the application in better condition for examination by presenting claims suitable for U.S. practice.

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APPENDIX I**AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN
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2. (Amended) A method [for controlling the size of the crystals during the continuous mass crystallization of] according to claim [1] 7, wherein[, for discontinuous seeding,] the seeding product is [added] introduced into the crystallizer discontinuously in such a manner[,] that the proportion by weight of a selected fraction of the crystalline material in the crystallizer [remains] is maintained within [specified] predetermined limits.

3. (Amended) A method [for controlling the size of the crystals during the continuous mass crystallization of] according to claim [1] 7, wherein [during continuous] the seeding[,] product is introduced into the crystallizer continuously and the solids [portion] of the seeding product [is added] are introduced into the crystallizer in amounts of 5 to 30% by weight [and preferably of 7 to 15% by weight,] based on [the] solids discharged from the crystallizer.

4. (Amended) A method [for controlling the size of the crystals during the continuous mass crystallization of one or more of claims 1 to 3] according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the average particle diameter of the solids of the seeding product is 0.3 to 0.8 mm.

5. (Amended) A method [for controlling the size of the crystals during the continuous mass crystallization of one or more of the claims 1 to 4] according to claim 7 or 8, wherein [the desired particle size of] the solids of the seeding product [is] are produced by mechanical comminution of crystals produced by the [end product and/or in a separated] mass crystallization [step].

6. (Amended) A method [for controlling the size of the crystals during the continuous mass crystallization of one or more of the claims 1 to 5] according to claim 7, wherein the solids of the seeding product [has] have the same chemical composition as the [end product] crystals produced by the mass crystallization.

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